

DRAFT Meeting Summary from April 23, 2014 MDEQ/USEPA-Region 5/City of Kalamazoo Redevelopment Discussions 9:00AM to 12:00PM

Attendees:) Michael Berkoff, Jim Saric, Tom Bloom, Paul Bucholtz, Marc Hatton, Bruce Merchant

- Definition of Terms
 - a. Productivity
 - i. Private, taxable property with job creation (Commercial/Industrial/Residential In-fill)
 - ii. Land Use for the Community
 - Fee-based Recreation
 - 2. Passive Recreation
 - 3. Trailway
 - b. Connectivity how does the Site create (or hinder) connections to the community, neighborhoods, businesses, recreation, etc...?
- II. Goals The group agreed to the following goals in order to foster ongoing discussions and evaluate potential options:
 - 1. Transformative for the Community/A Community "Attractor":
 - a. Site to become a "magnet" for both private and public sector
 - b. Site has to be productive a community asset that provides economic development/property tax generation
 - c. Site provides connections to the community it is a benefit and enhancement to the surrounding community in all directions
 - 2. Maintain a long-term perspective for End Use Redevelopment
 - 3. The site must be sustainable economically and environmentally while exploring alternative energy options
 - 4. Public perception management of the Site must be considered (City to assist on this aspect)
 - 5. The EPA/City/MDEQ will maintain a partnership approach to the Site as potential options are explored

- III. Next Steps The group agreed to reviewing the following items within their organizations in anticipation of the next meeting:
 - 1. Review and revise Goals (if needed)
 - 2. Review Potential Scenarios for discussion and review based on:
 - a. Potential hurdles, obstacles and costs
 - b. Assess and discuss concerns and issues
 - c. Modify or eliminate scenarios (as needed)
 - 3. Refine or modify focus areas (i.e., various "footprint" options)
 - 4. Review ownership issues and concerns
 - 5. Connectivity
 - a. Transportation Routes
 - b. Current Property Use in Area
 - c. Other Options
 - 6. Work on Conceptual Ideas for May 19 meeting
- IV. Next Meeting

The next meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 11:00 AM EDT. The meeting location is yet to be determined by Paul Bucholtz (either the TSC facility in Coloma, MI or at City of St. Joseph, MI City Hall.)

Proposed Topics for Discussion Wednesday, April 23, 2014 9:00AM-11:00AM EDT City Manager's Conference Room Kalamazoo City Hall – 2nd Floor

I. Definition of Key Terms

- a. Productivity
- b. "Hybrid" options
- c. Connectivity to Neighborhoods

II. Develop Concepts and Ideas with the End Use in Mind

- a. Open-ended discussion without concern for specifics or logistics (e.g., technical concerns, available resources, etc...)
- b. Develop list of Concepts and Ideas for Evaluation and Potential Development

III. Issues to Address/Keep in Mind

- a. Physical Space Availability Issues and Concepts
- b. Long-term Ownership/Control of Properties/Due Care Considerations
- c. Track Consensus Items as well as Divergent Issues
- d. Reporting out to Large Group on May 19
 - i. Bullet Items highlighting various concepts/ideas
 - ii. Show Consensus Items vs. Divergent Issues Discuss
 - iii. Seek Guidance on How to Proceed with Concepts

For Chuck.